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App. No. : 09/645,807 Confirmation No: 4185  
Applicant : Volker Weinrich et al.  
Filed : August 24, 2000  
Title : Method of Producing an Electrode Configuration and Method of  
Electrically Contacting the Electrode Configuration  
Art Unit : 1765  
Examiner : Shamim Ahmed  
  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

### **TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. Payment of the issue fee
    - Prior to payment of the issue fee
    - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

### **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3.
  - a) Previously submitted
    - Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
    - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
    - Other
  - b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
    - An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)  
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
    - ☒ An amendment
    - New arguments
    - New evidence in support of patentability
    - Other:

### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:
- |  |          |
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| Small entity (and status is still as small entity) | \$395.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large entity   | \$790.00 |

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$790.00

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.Fee	Or	Rate	Add.Fee
Total	16	Minus			x\$25=	\$		x\$50=	\$0.00
Indep.	1	Minus			x\$100=	\$		x\$200=	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$180=	\$		+\$360=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	0.00

- (c) ☒ No additional fee is required.  
**or**  
 (d) Total additional fee required is \$

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension	Large Entity	Small Entity
one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
three months	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
four months	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Fee: \$

An extension for - months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

or

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### **TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

<input type="checkbox"/> Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$
Total Fee(s) Due	\$

### **PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

☐ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$790.00  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

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Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached).

### **INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

☐ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.  
fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.  
a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately: being filed been filed

**10. Instructions as to Overpayment**

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